

1. **Call to order** – Chair Mr. Nick Hallett called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:40 p.m. on April 13, 2009, in the District Office Board Room. Trustees present included: Mr. David Bedey, Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mrs. Tamis LaSalle, Mrs. Kelly Rogers and Mr. Jim Shea. Administrators present included: Superintendent Mr. Duby Santee; Principals Mr. Kevin Conwell and Mr. Dan Kimzey; Assistant Principal Ms. Joel Stuber and District Clerk Ms. Cathy Binando. Trustee Mr. Thomas Pool was not in attendance.
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Shea led the group with the Pledge.

The agenda was amended to discuss Key Club. Mr. Blake Brintnall discussed the main projects of the club, Youth Conference and District Convention. There are approximately 56 students that participate in Key Club and Mrs. Jacobsen and Mrs. Muller-Kohn are the advisors.

2. **Minutes, financial reports, and bills** – The Board reviewed the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 9th and the claim details for the month of March (re-issued warrant number 55329 and warrant numbers 55330 – 55576).

Mrs. Gantt moved to accept the minutes of March 9th as written. Mr. Shea seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Rogers reported that the Finance Committee meets on the Wednesday prior to the Regular Board meeting and that the meetings are open to the public. Mrs. Rogers stated that Mr. Holland attended the meeting and discussed the financial reporting for the tournaments. It was noted that the district does not benefit financially from hosting the basketball tournaments and a group will be working on a letter to the editor to clear up this misconception. Mrs. Rogers also noted that the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department grant for the softball fields had ended and they sent the district \$42,933.00 as a partial reimbursement for the building of these fields and the audit of the 2007-2008 school year is continuing.

Mrs. Rogers moved to accept the bills and the financial reports for the month of March, 2009. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

3. **Public Comment:**
None.

4. **Special presentations, requests, reports and correspondence:**

- 4.1. **Hamilton High School Key Club** – This was discussed earlier.

- 4.2. **Keystone After School Program Update** – **Ms. Ria Overholt reported on the following:** Ms. Overholt reported that the operating expenses have decreased since the program moved to Westview. In an effort to help to sustain the program, many parents are making monthly donations by paying double the cost they are billed for their students. St. Francis Parish donated \$1,000.00 to the program and Beta Sigma Phi adopted the program for their annual tulip sale and proceeds from this county wide sale will be donated back to the program. Parents are also organizing a fund raiser for April 26th. Ms. Overholt and Mrs. Curry also discussed the Daly Community Gardens and all of the work that is being done there. Ms. Overholt noted that the Title I summer program and the Keystone summer program would be combining their efforts by providing math and reading skills in

the morning with enriching programs in the afternoon. Ms. Overholt is in the process of writing the renewal grant that would provide 60% of the current federal funding for the after school program. Ms. Overholt is also looking into partnering with the Hamilton Players to provide an after school drama program.

4.3. Student Council Representative – Mr. Blake Brintnall reported on the following: The Student Council is working on a dance in May and have purchased a new sound system and will give the old one to the Middle School.

4.4. Building Reports :
High School – Mr. Conwell reported on the following: Mr. Conwell reported that the food service has been expanded to ALC; CRT exams were held for the 10th graders last month; Mrs. Steel is working with students on Poetry Out Loud; the musical “Beauty and the Beast” had four performances; the National Honor Society held their induction; an emergency drill will be held on Wednesday; there was a 46% turn out for parent/teacher conferences; the spring sports of track, softball, and tennis have begun; and Ms. Stuber will be going to Washington D.C. Ms. Stuber reported that the tardies are down in total for the year; there are 30 students who have perfect attendance; there are 268 students on the honor roll; 15 students earned academic all state for the winter sports; and the Booster Club has redeemed 175 coupons.

Middle School – Mr. Kimzey reported on the following: There are 352 students at the Middle School; there are 70 students participating in track and the first meet will be on Friday; there was a 77% turn out for parent teacher conferences and the school wide Title 1 program is moving forward.

5. Board Action:

5.1. Recommendation to Accept Resignations:

- 5.1.1. Dawn deforest-Buffum – Teacher / Grantsdale
- 5.1.2. Carol Cook – Accounts Payable / District Office
- 5.1.3. Rhonda Williams – Teacher / High School
- 5.1.4. Michele Holeman – Teacher / Washington

Mrs. Rogers moved to approve the resignations of the individuals as listed in 5.1.1. through 5.1.4. Mrs. LaSalle seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.2. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts:

- 5.2.1. Nancy Miller – Secretary / Washington

Mr. Shea moved to hire the individual listed in 5.1.1. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.3. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts- 2009/2010 School Year:

- 5.3.1. Certified Staff – Renewal or Tenured Teachers

Mrs. Gantt moved to approve the recommendation to hire the individuals as listed in 5.3.1.1. through 5.3.1.81. Mrs. LaSalle seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.4. **Recommendation to Hire or Offer Extracurricular Contracts for the 2009/2010 School Year – Head Coaches / Winter Season:**

- 5.4.1. Mark Albert – Girls' Basketball
- 5.4.2. Toby Stack – Boys' Basketball
- 5.4.3. Chad Williams – Wrestling
- 5.4.4. Amy Eggleston – Cheerleading
- 5.4.5. Dee Hallock – Speech and Debate

Mrs. LaSalle moved to hire or offer extracurricular contracts for the winter season to the individuals listed in 5.4.1. through 5.4.5. Mr. Bedey seconded. Mrs. Gantt stated that the Athletic and Extracurricular Assessment Committee had recommended the hiring of the listed coaches. The Board then voted on the motion and it carried 6-0.

5.5. **Authorization to Partner with the MAPS Program to Apply for a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant:**

Mr. Peter Rosten has asked that the Hamilton School District partner with his MAPS (Media Arts in Public Schools) program in order for him to apply for a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. This program would be housed at Westview.

Mrs. Gantt moved to make the commitment to Mr. Rosten and his MAPS program to partner in order to apply for a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. Mrs. LaSalle seconded. It was noted that this grant should not conflict with the after school program, as Keystone is for elementary students and this program is for high school students. The motion carried 6-0.

5.6. **Authorization to Purchase Two Computer Labs for Adult Education:**

- 5.6.1. P.C. Lab at Hamilton High School
- 5.6.2. MAC Lab at Hamilton Middle School

The Board was asked to approve the purchase of two computer labs. It is estimated that the PC lab will cost \$30,680.70 and the MAC lab \$25,172.00.

Mrs. LaSalle moved to approve the purchase of two new computer labs. Mr. Bedey seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.7. **Annual School Election – Notice of Cancellation due to Acclamation:**

It was noted that the annual school election to be held on May 5th was cancelled and the candidates Mr. David Bedey, Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mrs. Demaris Moore, and Mr. Terry Neuman were elected by acclamation.

6. **Policy/Curriculum/Handbooks:**

- 6.1. **Policy #8310(new) – Donations / Second Reading**
- 6.2. **Policy #1230 (Revision) – Clerk / First Reading**
- 6.3. **Policy #3141 (Revision) – Nonresident Student Attendance / First Reading**
- 6.4. **Policy #5122 (Revision) – Fingerprints and Criminal Background Investigations / First Reading**

6.5. **Curriculum – Technology and Workplace Competencies / First Reading**

No action was taken as these are the first and second reading for these policies and curriculum.

7. **Discussion and possible action:**

- 7.1. **Building and Grounds Committee** – Mr. Shea reported on the following: The boiler at the district office is no longer working and cannot be repaired. A forced air system is being looked at. The MAU at the high school blew and created a hole in the roof. The unit will be fixed after July 1st. Energy efficiency and safety are areas that are being considered, just in case there are some stimulus funds. Westview has been vandalized and there are issues with security and renters in that building.
- 7.2. **Certified Negotiations Committee** – Mr. Hallett and Mrs. Rogers reported on the following: An interest meeting was held and there have been several additional meetings. The main discussions on salary and benefit items will take place after the legislative session is completed.
- 7.3. **Classified Negotiations Committee** – Mrs. Gantt reported on the following: Interests are being discussed and there seems to be agreement in most. Insurance will be discussed next.
- 7.4. **Athletic & Extracurricular Assessment Committee**-Mrs. Rogers reported on the following: The committee met and discussed the winter coaches. Mr. Conwell had made some good revisions in the handbook. After some further review by the committee, the handbook will come back as a First Reading.

8. **Superintendent's Report / Information – Mr. Santee reported on the following:**

- 8.1. **Legislature** – There are 12 days remaining in the session and at this time school funding is not known. The OPI website has a webinar that may be of interest.
- 8.2. **School Accreditation Statuses** – The letter from OPI stating the final determinations of the accreditation statuses of the schools was reviewed. Daly, Grantsdale and Washington received a regular accreditation status. Hamilton Middle School received a regular with deviation status and the High School received a deficiency status. Mr. Kimzey noted that the issue of the misassigned teacher would be corrected for next year. Mr. Conwell stated that one of the teachers noted had already received another endorsement and the other was pursuing his additional endorsement. It was also noted that an alternative standard was being requested for the library and that class size issues would be fixed.
- 8.3. **Other** - None.

9. **Personnel:**

- 9.1. **District Business Manager** – Evaluation, Job Description, Board Policy

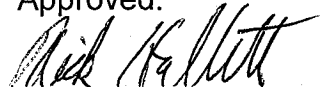
Mr. Hallett determined that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure and according to Section 2-3-203 (3) M.C.A., closed the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Ms. Binando did not waive her right to privacy, so the meeting remained closed.

At 8:05 p.m., the Board reconvened into Regular Session.

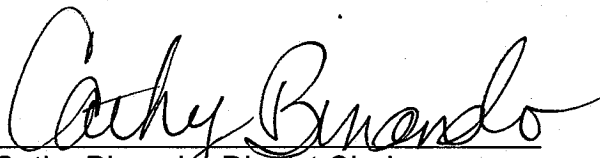
Mrs. LaSalle moved to modify the Business Manager's job description to include an evaluation by the Board Chair and Vice-Chair. Mrs. Rogers seconded. Mr. Santee stated that the proposed change in policy was addressing this issue and it may make it harder to change future job descriptions if this is accepted by the Board. Mr. Hallett noted that it was important for the Board to maintain a good relationship with the Business Manager and good communication was important. Mrs. LaSalle withdrew her motion and Mrs. Rogers withdrew her second.

10. Adjourn – Mr. Hallett adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:



Nick Hallett, Board Chair



Cathy Binando, District Clerk